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## HARD CHANCE FOR LIFE

### Thrilling Story of Loss of Sch. Richard Wainwright

#### Craft Encountered Regular Hurricane in Gulf of St. Lawrence

Newfoundland advices give the following particulars regarding the loss of sch. Richard Wainwright of this port and the loss of Henry Killigrew, one of her crew.

The Wainwright left Bay of Islands, January 9 and ran to clear Cape George and as the wind increased, the mate, Robert Keefe, and one man went on the bowsprit to furl the jib. The job being a hard one, Killigrew went to their assistance. While working out over the knightheads, he was struck by the jumbo boom and knocked overboard. He grasped the log line but the headway of the vessel dragged him under and he was forced to let go. A dory was put over, but he could not be found.

The wind increased to a gale and at 11 o'clock that night the craft was down to a double-reefed foresail and the barometer stood on 29. The wind then blew with hurricane force. All night long the gale continued, and at 1 o'clock that afternoon, a glin in the blizzard gave them a view of Cape George.

Soon after this the foresail burst for the second time and under torn canvas, Capt. Wharton headed his vessel up to make into Bay of St. George. Indian Head was sighted through the flying snow and foam, and the craft hauled up to make the southwest side of the bay, the idea being to harbor near Sandy Point light.

While the craft was thus making her way up into the way, one of the crew mistook a light in a dwelling house for the regular harbor light, and in consequence the craft was soon among the breakers in Flat Bay. She struck heavily at 7.15 o'clock in the evening, heeling in toward the shore. A very heavy sea was running and the crew could see lots of people on the beach, unable to render them any assistance.

The sea was making a clean breach over the vessel, but finally a dory was launched and into it got the crew and the skipper, eight men in all, one of the crew deciding to stay on the vessel. The dory was soon swamped alongside and all hands hung to the rigging and ropes until they righted her and bailed her out.

The dory was then relaunched, and with Mate Keefe and the steward and Michael Blanche towing a line from the vessel, succeeded in making the shore. Then the dory was hauled back and forth until all hands were safe on the beach.

Mate Keefe travelled seven miles to the Sandy Point telegraph station to send the news of the loss of the craft.

After all this all hands were sent to Port au Basque, N. F., where Consul Keating looked after their wants and needs and sent them to North Sydney, C. B., from whence they will leave for home tonight. Capt. Wharton remains at the wreck to look after what rigging, gear, etc., can be saved.

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## INTERESTING FISH NOTES.

### Herring Return to Labrador, Big Hauls of Codfish off New Jersey.

It is now 20 years about since the famous Labrador herring deserted the coast. Now they have returned as strangely as they departed. After years of wandering, no one knows where, the schools appeared during the past season from Grady south to Battle Harbor, and every fisherman who had a piece of a net secured some of the fish. Now that the news of the return of the herring to the Labrador coast has been spread, preparations are being made for this fishery next year and genuine Labrador herring may be expected to again become an important article of commerce.

The fishing smack Pittsburg, Capt. Jeffries, broke all codfishing records off Atlantic City, N. J., recently, by bringing in three tons of codfish after a cruise of less than three hours. Cod are running along the coast by millions and fishermen are making small fortunes, all sorts of craft being pressed into service for the chase.

Capt. Theophilus W. Brackett, Swampscott's oldest fisherman, was 87 years old on Wednesday. He is hale and hearty, and is still able to daily ply his vocation. Nearly every morning he will take his dory and push off the shore, always alone, and almost always will return with the largest amount of fish of any party.

Capt. Brackett was born in Welfleet, coming from Revolutionary stock, and has resided in Swampscott for 69 years. He is married and resides in one of the most modern houses in the town. He claims to be the first to design the Swampscott dory which is now famous throughout the world.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

#### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.12 1-2 for small.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; large Western, cod \$2.87 1-2; medium do., \$1.75; haddock, \$1.10; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.

Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4.25 per bbl. Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

#### Boston.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 3500 haddock, 5000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Harmony, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas A. Crowell, 23,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Tartar, 37,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.25 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.80 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.

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## DOGFISH LEGISLATION.

### Representative Stoddard Will Introduce Resolution Today.

#### Asks Legislature To Favor Bill Now Before Congress.

Representative Stoddard will today introduce in the house of representatives, a resolution calling for the continuation of the consideration of the dog fish evil, which was taken up at Washington last year.

At a meeting of the Master Mariners' Association the resolve and its accompanying petition received the unanimous favorable action of the association, thus giving an endorsement from men who know of dogfish and the depredations they have done.

The resolve is as follows:

Whereas, a species of shark, commonly called dogfish, have become so numerous along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts that it is a menace directly to the fishing industry of our state and through that indirectly, to the public at large, both of state and nation:

Whereas, there is now pending before Congress, a bill which promises to bring some measure of relief from this enemy of the fisheries and particularly the establishment of new industries, based on the destruction of dogfish and other sharks and converting them into fertilizer, oil, leather and other valuable material.

Resolved, that the General Court of Massachusetts favors such legislation.

Resolved, that properly attested copies of these resolutions be sent to each of the senators and representatives of Massachusetts in Congress.

#### Bell Buoys Frozen.

Many of the bell buoys in Boston harbor are frozen up, making navigation quite difficult for both steamers and vessels.

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## GULF BLOCKED BY ICE FLOES.

### Ice Field Believed To Have Swept Down Quickly.

#### SCH. SALADIN MET SLOB ICE.

#### Three Bucksport Crafts Still at Bay of Islands.

The gasoline auxiliary schooner Saladin, Capt. George Peeples, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with salt herring, arrived at North Sydney, C. B., on Wednesday, after a good passage down the gulf. Capt. Peeples reports the first ice of the season, running through about 15 miles of slob ice near St. Paul's.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., yesterday says that the gulf is now blocked by ice.

This would indicate that the herring fleet, the last of which left Bay of Islands last Monday, got away none too soon. Mr. A. B. Alexander, who arrived here yesterday, says that all the American vessels had left the bay by Monday night excepting the three crafts belonging to Capt. Thomas M. Nicholson of Bucksport, schs. M. B. Stetson, T. M. Nicholson and Elizabeth N. On that date two of these crafts had partial cargoes of both salt and frozen herring, while the other one was empty.

If the St. John's report about the gulf being blocked with ice is correct, the three vessels above named stand a good chance of being frozen in at Bay of Islands for the winter. It was Capt. Nicholson's intention when the rest of the fleet left to remain and load all three of his crafts.

Since Monday, Newfoundland has been swept by a three days blizzard and the thermometer has gone down to 16 and 20 below. With the water in the chilled condition it was known to be and this extreme cold coming, ice would form very quickly. The whole region, from Anticosti down across the whole gulf to North Sydney, was affected by this last cold wave, so the news that the gulf is blocked with ice is readily given credence, indeed it would be surprising if it were clear of ice.

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## MORE FISH FIGURES.

### In Essex There Is Invested \$12,437 in Industry.

According to the last report of the census bureau, there were 73 persons in Essex engaged in the fish business with investments amounting to \$12,437. The food fish was the principal item here, \$13,422, although the clams made quite a showing with a value of \$9026.

In Ipswich there were 97 persons in the business with investments amounting to \$13,065. The returns from food fish amounted to \$7595 and from clams \$19,455. There were 900 lobsters taken at that port. In Newbury there were six people in the business, who had \$222 invested and who caught 700 pounds of eels, worth \$40 and 200 mackerel worth \$20, while the income from clams amounted \$1090.

In Rowley there were 32 persons in the business with investments amounting to \$2539. These people got 3700 frogs worth \$75; 350 barrels of herring, worth \$500. They also captured clams that brought \$11,108.